





### Aim:

to understand the nature trade

## Objective:

1. Describe trade and Australia's imports and exports

Who can tell me what trade is?



## What is trade?

- Involves the exchange of goods, services ideas between countries
- Trade represents a significant share of a countries gross domestic product (GDP
- International trade has increased because countries have focused on producing particular goods and services that they specialise in

# Important term: Comparative advantage

A comparative advantage means a country is able to produce something more cheaply or efficiently than other countries

#### Therefore trade is ideal when:

- countries specialise in the production of things they have a comparative advantage in
- countries export these items to other nations
- countries import items that other countries have a competitive advantage in

## Imports

- An import is a good or service that Australia buys from another country
- Australia trades to buy items we cannot produce competitively ourselves
- Some examples of things we import are manufactured goods such as:
  - Computers and electricals
  - Petrol
  - Cars

## Exports

- An export is a good or service Australia sells to another country.
- Australia's export earnings were once based on our wool production
- Australia's mineral exports are a strong component of our export earnings
- The services Australia exports include:
  - Tourism
  - Education